

Module 3: Putting It All Together: Caring for Children with Asthma

Handout W-4: Role Assignments—James’ Doctor

You’re really committed to help Head Start work for James and his family. You’ve cared for James since birth and you’ve watched him develop into a bright and eager child. You think that Head Start would be a wonderful opportunity for James and his family.

You empathize with James because you had asthma as a child. Back then, there wasn’t as good an understanding of how to prevent and treat asthma attacks. You remember being so sick that you missed a lot of school, they kept you indoors a lot, and you were in and out of the hospital. That’s a big reason why you became a doctor and you’ve tried to learn as much as possible about asthma. With all the new treatments, James should be able to attend school regularly and stay healthy and active. But it’ll require frequent contact and cooperation among you, James’ parents, and Head Start.

Some things you want to share at the meeting:

- You’ve been using a form called “Special Care Plan For A Child With Asthma” with many of your patients—you’ve found it helps share information and coordinate a plan between home and school.
- Together with James’ parents, you completed the “Special Care Plan For A Child With Asthma” for James. (*Give a copy of Handout X to the other group members and review the key points.*)